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You're invited to Management Roundtable planning meeting

It's that time of year again: time to develop an agenda for the upcoming Safety and Buildings Division "Management Roundtables." These roundtables provide management personnel the opportunity to discuss and hear current issues relevant to the mining industry. The planning meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16 at 201 West Washington Avenue, Room 3B, Madison, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. S&B hopes that anyone interested in helping to organize the roundtables will attend the planning meeting. If you have suggestions, you can also contact Eric Hands, Mine Safety Program Manager, 608-267-4434, ehands@commerce.state.wi.us.

Management Roundtable dates and locations

Tentative dates for the Management Roundtables are: January 4, 2000 in Green Bay; January 6, 2000 in Eau Claire; and January 12, 2000 in Madison. More specific information will follow in future newsletters. If you have questions, contact Sharon Kruschek, 608-266-7529, skruschek@commerce.state.wi.us.

If you're not already a MSHA trainer, maybe you can become one

The Safety and Buildings Division receives funds through a federal grant to provide safety training to the industry. In a continuing trend, the amount of money awarded to Wisconsin has been decreasing, at a time when the federal mandates for training are increasing. In response to decreasing funding, S&B has chosen to focus on developing partnerships with existing trainers, and to facilitate Mine Safety and Health Administration certification of new trainers.

The Mine Safety Program is sponsoring a "Train-the-Trainer" course, conducted by MSHA personnel, on November 2, 3, and 4 in Madison. The exact times and locations will be announced later this month.

Qualified individuals (as determined by MSHA) may be eligible to become certified MSHA trainers. Persons who complete this course would meet the definition of "competent persons" under new federal guideline.

S&B is obtaining the screening criteria MSHA uses to determine who would be eligible to become an MSHA certified trainer. These criteria will be published in the next newsletter.

New miner training in Milwaukee soon

A "New Miner" training course will be offered in the Milwaukee area on September 21 and 22. The time and exact location have yet to be determined. If you are interested, please contact Pat Murphy, 920-907-5626, pmurphy@commerce.state.wi.us.

Tentative 2000 "Annual Refresher Training" is being planned

The Safety and Buildings Division is only scheduling "open" training sessions for 2000. Company-specific closed sessions will not be scheduled at this time. S&B may schedule additional "open" sessions and a limited number of "closed" sessions, as time permits.

This year we will have pre-registration and pre-payment for all training sessions. With fewer sessions being offered, we anticipate filling these sessions. Registration will not begin until October 1999. Registration forms will be made available at that time. Please pay particular attention to the new registration form and provide all requested information completely.

With this newsletter is the tentative year 2000 schedule.

Fees for annual Refresher Training

A safety training course fee of \$30 per person will be charged to individuals whose employer does not pay an annual safety inspection service fee.

Additional time is needed to fully assess the Mine Safety Program and the services it delivers.

A Mines Pits and Quarries Advisory Code Committee is being established this fall.

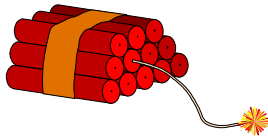
Based on the chosen program direction, fees will be determined and addressed through the administrative rule process concerning Comm 2, Fee Schedule.

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Internet information on Part 46 is available at <http://www.msha.gov/TRAINING/PART46/PART46.HTM>

Best wishes to Darrell and Jon

Many people have recognized former Mine Safety Specialists Darrel Gieschen's and Jon Wagner's talents. Both Darrell and Jon have accepted offers to pursue other opportunities. The commitment both of these individuals have made to Wisconsin's Mine Safety Program and the mining industry has been a big part of the program's success. Their program knowledge and professionalism will be missed. Join us in wishing both Darrell and Jon well in their future endeavors.



Blasters' Conference

The annual Safety and Buildings Division Blasters' Conference is tentatively scheduled for January 28, 2000, at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells. The agenda will include a review of the revised Comm 7 Explosives Code. All state-licensed blasters will be receiving a brochure with registration information. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Kruschek, 608-266-7529 skruschek@commerce.state.wi.us.

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The Mine Safety Program pages begin at <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB-MineSafetyProgram.html>



Tentative 2000 Refresher Training Schedule

Specific location info will be mailed in October

Date	Location	Date	Location
January 18, 2000	Madison	February 24, 2000	Fennimore
January 18, 2000	Wausau	February 24, 2000	Green Bay
January 19, 2000	Madison	February 24, 2000	Menomonee Falls
January 19, 2000	Wausau	March 1, 2000	Green Bay
January 20, 2000	Madison	March 1, 2000	Tomah
January 20, 2000	Stevens Point	March 2, 2000	Arcadia
January 25, 2000	Marshfield	March 7, 2000	Menomonie
January 26, 2000	Eau Claire	March 8, 2000	Menomonie
February 1, 2000	Ripon	March 9, 2000	Menomonie
February 1, 2000	Phillips	March 15, 2000	Barron
February 2, 2000	Ripon	March 16, 2000	Ladysmith
February 2, 2000	Rice Lake	March 23, 2000	Richland Center
February 3, 2000	Beaver Dam	March 28, 2000	Green Bay
February 3, 2000	Siren	March 28, 2000	Superior
February 8, 2000	Waupaca	March 29, 2000	Fond du Lac
February 8, 2000	Janesville	March 29, 2000	Superior
February 8, 2000	Portage	March 30, 2000	Ashland
February 9, 2000	Waupaca	April 4, 2000	Antigo
February 9, 2000	Janesville	April 5, 2000	Merrill
February 9, 2000	Portage	April 6, 2000	Merrill
February 10, 2000	Appleton	April 11, 2000	Neillsville
February 10, 2000	Fort Atkinson		
February 15, 2000	West Bend		
February 15, 2000	Rhineland		
February 16, 2000	Cleveland		
February 16, 2000	Medford		
February 17, 2000	Racine		
February 17, 2000	Medford		
February 22, 2000	Menomonee Falls		
February 22, 2000	Fennimore		
February 23, 2000	Menomonee Falls		
February 23, 2000	Fennimore		

The Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association is sponsoring a 1999 "Experienced Miner" Refresher Course. *Tuesday, September 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Stevens Point Holiday Inn, US 51 and North Point Drive. *Thursday, September 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Madison Quality Inn South, Exit South Beltline at Stoughton Road. WTBA members \$10, Non-members \$20 (including materials, coffee breaks, and lunch). Contact WTBA 608-256-6891.